CALENDAR 2016

Dates to remember...

TERM 1 DATES:
Friday 29 January – Thurs 24 March

SOMERS CAMP:
(Selected students)
Tuesday 16 – Wednesday 24 February

INTERIM REPORTS SENT HOME:
Thursday 25 February

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY:
Tuesday 1 March

‘PLAY IS THE WAY’ INFORMATION NIGHT:
Tuesday 1 March

DIVISIONAL SWIMMING:
(Selected Students)
Wednesday 2 March

STUDENT/PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES:
Thursday 3 March 12.00 - 8.00pm

REGIONAL SWIMMING:
(Selected Students)
Monday 7 March

GNPA AGM: (all welcome)
Friday 11 March

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY:
Monday 14 March

BASKETBALL CLINICS:
Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 March

FINAL DAY OF TERM 1:
(2.30PM FINISH)
Thursday 24 March

GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY:
Friday 25 March

Excellence:
High expectations of the whole school community

Respect:
For self and others

Resilience:
Engaging in challenges and learning from mistakes

Integrity:
Choosing a course of action that contributes to the greater good

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

GRIP Student Leadership
Last week I accompanied our school leaders and Mrs Stephanie Fellows to the GRIP Student Leadership Course at the Exhibition and Convention Centre. It was an energising day for our students who learned about the difference they can make to their community and how they can be a stronger and more impacting leader. Some of their reflections on the day are included in this Newsletter.

Junior School Council
Our Junior School Council includes two class appointed representatives from each of our Year 3-6 classes. They also represent all of our Junior grades. The Junior School Council is led by our School Captains Blake and Julia and reports directly to the full School Council and represent the voice and opinion of our students and their ideas about how our school and community can be improved. Our Junior School Council representatives take their roles very seriously and at a future Assembly will be presented with their badges and be celebrated.

Interim Reports Thursday
On Thursday all students will come home with an Interim Report which makes comment on how they have begun the year and settled in to the new expectations of being one year older in the school. These Interim Reports are designed to connect last year to this year and to give all parties a common starting place and discussion points for the Student Parent Teacher Interviews to be held on March 3rd (a Student Free Day).

On the bottom right hand corner of the Interim report you will find your confirmed appointment time for this day.

GNPA Movie Night
We are looking forward to the GNPA Outdoor Movie Night on Friday March 18th. This should be a fantastic first community event for the year. I will dutifully be serving the winning VIP guests who are the lucky prize winners.
PRINCIPAL’S CORNER (continued from page 1)

Lauren Donker’s Final Week
Best wishes to Lauren and Mark Donker for the home stretch. Lauren will be finishing on Friday and beginning her Family Leave as she awaits the birth of their first child. Thank you to Lauren for all of her work here with our students and families but also for the behind the scenes work she has done with our staff to make our school an enjoyable workplace for all of our teachers and support staff.

School Photos next week
Order forms are coming home today for our school photos which will take place on Tuesday March 1\textsuperscript{st}. That’s next week! All students will have their class and individual photos taken and they can be ordered either online or on the order form. Book in for those haircuts on the weekend!

Parent Helpers’ Course
Thursday night is the second session for the Parent Helpers’ Course facilitated under the expert guidance of Wendy Barr. It will be held in the Music Room and offers tips on how to help your child at home but also prepares you to be able to volunteer most effectively in your child’s classroom.

A Night with Wilson McCaskill
We have been lucky enough to engage Wilson McCaskill for a parent session on Tuesday March 1\textsuperscript{st} at 6.30pm. If you have heard your children coming home talking about the Golden Rule or saying some things that you wouldn’t normally expect to hear from a young child, they probably are the result of some of the work we have been doing with Wilson and Play Is the Way.

We held a previous Parent Session with rave reviews from parents who attended and they have continually asked us to hold another event so we have booked Wilson for a return visit.

Please register your attendance at the Office so we can keep track of numbers and make sure we have adequate space.

School Council Nominations
It is at this time of the year that we call for nominations of Parent Members on our School Council. School Council is the body that oversees the running of the school and members have an opportunity to look at how schools function from another perspective and to be involved in some aspects of school decision making.

If you would like to be involved in School Council and nominate for a two year position please come and see me (Cory) or the office and collect a nomination form. If you are unsure of what it entails as a Parent Member, I can put you in touch with an existing member who can explain a little bit more and answer any questions you may have.

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District Swimming

Last week I attended the District level of Swimming Competition at the Belgrave pools. Thanks to Lara for coordinating the swimmers and to the many parents who attended and helped out and cheered. Here are the results:

DISTRICT SWIMMING PARTICIPANTS AND RESULTS:

Well done to our swimmers who competed at Belgrave Pool last week. They were:
Rory H
James L
Kira M
Jack W
Caleb A
Nathan V V
Mikybie B
Toby J
Scarlett H
Sebastyn B
Jack P
Patrick W
Jack N
Jack M
Tate S
Jett W
Archie N
Ruby W (who acted as time keeper due to a broken finger)

Also a huge thank you to our parents and ES staff who helped out.

The following students go through to the Divisional Competition on 2nd March at Aqualink Nunawading:
Jack P, 1st 9/10 Freestyle
Patrick W, 1st 9/10 Backstroke
Jack N, 1st 11yr Backstroke
Toby J, 1st 11yr Butterfly
11yr freestyle relay -1st
11 yr medley relay-1st

BEST OF LUCK!

Have a nice week and remember to lodge your interest for the Play Is the Way Parent Session with Wilson McCaskill on March 1st.

Cory Pearce and Jo Stevens

Library Open Lunchtimes
Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays
11.45 – 12.20

The Library will be open at lunchtimes 11.45 – 12.20 on Mondays, Tuesday and Thursdays starting this week.
This allows students a quiet place to spend their down time should they choose to visit. Students can read, write, draw, play computer or board games.
**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week: (Ending Friday 19 February 2016)

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<td>Dallas J</td>
<td>For her positive approach towards all aspects of learning and striving to do her personal best!</td>
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<td>5/6M Ms Meier</td>
<td>James C</td>
<td>For making positive choices and being a responsible learner</td>
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<td>5/6F Mrs Fellows</td>
<td>Charla P</td>
<td>For constantly doing the right thing even when there’s lots of changes</td>
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<td>5/6D Miss Davies</td>
<td>Reece O</td>
<td>For his incredible effort and focusing on writing his narrative</td>
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<td>3/4S Mrs Sutherland</td>
<td>Thomas D</td>
<td>For using the reading strategy back up and reread so well when reading aloud</td>
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<td>3/4O Ms O’Neill</td>
<td>Riley Mc</td>
<td>For helping his peers use ICT and help solve technical issues</td>
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<td>3/4M Mr Meede</td>
<td>Zali T</td>
<td>For her honesty in finding (and handing in) money. GREAT INTEGRITY</td>
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<td>3/4C Miss Cichowicz</td>
<td>Jasmine B</td>
<td>For putting great effort and thought in to her JSC speech and presenting it confidently to the class</td>
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<td>1/2M Miss Maxwell</td>
<td>Woody P</td>
<td>For always working well with others and helping others to do their best! Well done!</td>
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<td>1/2K Ms Keltie</td>
<td>Ryleigh A</td>
<td>For working well with every member of our grade. You are such a good friend Ryleigh</td>
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<td>1/2I Ms Iverach</td>
<td>Luna L and Will K</td>
<td>For bundling objects into groups of 10 and counting them around the classroom. Great working together!</td>
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<td>1/2H Mrs Hutchinson</td>
<td>Larli Mc</td>
<td>It was great to see you being brave and trying something new in Investigations</td>
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<td>1/2B Miss Brown</td>
<td>Ava X and Chelsea S</td>
<td>For creating an interesting narrative and being brave enough to read it to Mr Pearce</td>
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<td>1/2A Mrs Alenson</td>
<td>Shannon M</td>
<td>For being super quick when completing his 100 chart jigsaw</td>
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<td>PREP W Mrs Wilson</td>
<td>Khloe A</td>
<td>For always following the Golden Rule and treating others with kindness</td>
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<td>PREP L Miss Locking</td>
<td>Cooper K</td>
<td>For always pursuing his personal best by being brave and always having a go!</td>
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<td>PREP F Mrs Flanagan</td>
<td>Lily J</td>
<td>For being brave and having a go at writing</td>
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<td>ART Mrs Krenn</td>
<td>Bill P and Neve J-B</td>
<td>For wonderful Art Work</td>
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<td>P.E. Ms Atkinson</td>
<td>All the District Swimmers</td>
<td>For giving their best at District Swimming</td>
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We would like to say a big Thank you to Mr Pearce and Mrs Fellows for taking all of the Captains to the GRIP Leadership Conference and making sure that we arrived at the Melbourne Convention Centre.

How to Grow as a Leader:
We learnt that to grow as a Leader we need to put effort into these core values: generosity, responsibility and integrity. As well as combining with others, contributing to what is around you and constantly putting in your time and effort.

Bye Bye Bullying:
Bullying is the result of people’s wrong actions. To stamp out bullying the action of Leaders is required.

Steps to Stop Bullying:
1. Spot it out
   If something seems a little bit different ask questions to see if they are okay
2. Speak out
   If you do know about bullying at your school, tell a teacher
3. Stamp it out
   You need to take action to stop the actions of bullies at your school.

People to Influence
You want to influence people to make them happy and do the right thing. You can influence the younger students, the teachers and the wider community by doing your little bit to help.

Traffic Light Leadership
Traffic Light Leadership is a way to organise this about the school.

= Negative areas that should be stopped
= Areas that could be slowed
= New areas to go forward with

Students that participated in this event: Julia C, Blake E, Nathan V V, Kira M, Courtney W, Sam F, Rory H, Jade K, Byron Mc, Zoe S, Tanisha D and Josh L

By Blake E, Julia C, Kira M and Tanisha D.

Leadership Conference:
On Wednesday 17th all of the Captains and some of the Junior School Council representatives went with Mr Pearce and Mrs Fellows to the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre for the GRIP Leadership Conference. We learnt about how to be better leaders and we also got to meet other leaders from different schools. It was great to see how different other schools are to ours. We also learnt about different campaigns, how to say ‘bye-bye to bullying’ traffic light leadership and how to make our school a better place.

Thank you Mr Pearce and Mrs Fellows for providing a great learning opportunity for the Leaders.

Jade K and Courtney W
Reminders

Passive fundraisers

‘FERNTREE GULLY NORTH PS’:
These are the words we would love you and your family and friends to use when next shopping at our one of our schools linked Fundraiser Companies. Every dollar helps

Identity Direct (34310)


Identity Direct

If you haven’t named and labeled all the kids items yet this is a great way of making the job easy! Identity direct are one of our passive fundraising programs, so if you need labels or any personalized items for the new year, on uniforms, books, lunchbox, bags or anything else, please have a look at their website and if you make an order please use the schools code above. These items even make great gifts for the kids - a personalized item is always cherished.

Working with Children Card

We know not all parents can attend our meetings and many parents ask,

‘What can we do?’

We love volunteers and we would like to encourage as many people as possible to get a

Working With Children Card.

They can be completed online and are free for volunteers.

Let's Meet at the Movies!

"Picnic 'n a Flick on the Green" - A Fundraising event for Playground Shade Sails at FTG North PS

Bring your own Picnic dinner and come and be part of the school community! Enjoy our first outdoors experience as you picnic on the green. As the sun goes down, a family friendly PG movie will be screened onto a GIANT 9m x 7m screen complete with stereo sound.

WHEN and WHERE:
FRIDAY 11TH MARCH from 6:30pm for our picnic and 7:30pm for the movie.
Movie will start at 8pm sharp.
The Ellim Attah Centre and Green Turf at Ferntree Gully North PS

WHO:
Open to Ferntree Gully North PS Families ONLY

WHY:
To meet new families and say hello to familiar faces while raising funds for a shade sail.

WHAT TO BRING:
Please supply your own dinner. Popcorn, soft drinks, bottled water, small party bags and a healthy snack alternative will be available for purchase from 7:30pm onwards. Coffees will also be available from our coffee van.
Don't forget your blankets, beanbags and other comfy things you need for the movie.

HOW:
The form below MUST be completed and returned to the school by FRIDAY 11TH MARCH for your chance to purchase family tickets and entry to our VIP raffle. Please supply a contact number for your tickets. (Tickets will be distributed the week before the event.)

Family Ticket (4 people) $22, with extra person $2 (only available pre-purchase)
Adults - $9  Children $5  Children under 3 are free.

****This is a Family-Focused Fundraising event. No pets allowed.

SPECIAL OFFER!
Tickets purchased by FRIDAY 11TH MARCH will automatically go in the draw for the VIP Movie Experience Package which includes:

• A Couch to sit on in a VIP area in prime viewing position
• Footstools for optimum comfort
• Free popcorn and drink for each person on the winning ticket
• Butler service provided by Mr Cory Pearce

You MUST include a contact number on your order form to be eligible.
Want to IMPACT on your local community? Advertise with us!

Looking for your business to reach local families?
Advertise at the “Gully North Picnic and Flick on the Green” on the GIANT screen!
Ads can be screened for 20 second segments in the 20 minutes prior to the show starting, and again after the completion of the show.
What a way to get known! Your products, services and name directly shown to the school community!
$25 buys you a segment that will be screened at least 3 times over the evening. This is part of the fundraising activity of the evening. All you need to do is supply some good quality photos and information about your business and we’ll arrange a presentation that can be shown on the GIANT screen.
Please indicate your interest at the office or email Katherine at kat5dan@tpg.com.au. Time slots close Friday March 4th 2016. Ads to be screen on Friday 18th March 2016 unless event is postponed.
Ferntree Gully North PS is once again offering participation in ICAS assessments in 2016. This testing can help benchmark, track and monitor learning progress. It can help identify potentially gifted students and allow us to work together to identify areas where your child can work to reach their full potential. Your investment in education is valuable and we want to help your child achieve the best results.

Subject areas to be assessed are: Digital technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling, English & Mathematics.

There are set fees for each assessment. If fewer than 3 entries are made in a subject, an entry fee equivalent to 3 entries must be paid. FTG Nth PS will monitor the numbers for each test and advise closer to the test dates if any extra payment or changes need to be made.

To learn more about ICAS, refer to: www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas2016

If you would like to enrol your child into any of the assessments, please collect a parent letter and consent form from the school Office. Please note that all entries must be in at school no later than Friday 11th March and that late entries cannot be accepted.

Jo Stevens
Assistant Principal

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**CANTEEN NOTICE:**

Parents please note the lowest priced item at the over-the-counter Canteen sales on Fridays is 0.50c. If you wish your child to purchase items at the Canteen please send your child with at least 0.50c to purchase item/s.

Also parents please make your children aware of the potential dangers of purchasing items from the Canteen for their friends, or sharing their food with their friends. Due to the many food allergies and **anaphylaxis conditions of some children**, the sharing of food, even though it seems like a nice idea, could be potentially life threatening to a child with allergies. Please strongly discourage your child from sharing their lunch or purchasing items on behalf of other children at the Canteen.
Hi Everyone,
My name is Trish and I am your new Chaplain. I’m very excited to be working at Ferntree Gully North Primary School.
I am married with 2 children aged 14 and 10. I have lived in England for 7 years which is where I did my training in counselling and I’m currently studying Primary teaching. I am passionate about helping and supporting children to overcome barriers that may interfere or prevent them from doing or being their best. So if you see me around the school please come and say ‘Hi’.
I will be at Ferntree Gully North on Mondays- 8.30am until 3.30pm.
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

Ferntree Gully North P.S  
4718

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname

First name

Address

Town/suburb ____________________________ State __________ Postcode __________

Contact number __________________________

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

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☐ Foster parent* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.

- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.

- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.

- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.

- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and for State Schools' Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant ____________________________ Date __/__/___
CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
  
a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR

b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;

c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (27 January 2016) or term two (11 April 2016).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child’s school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student’s date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.

Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.

If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veteran Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.

3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

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2016 OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday 19th April 2016 – 7pm

COLLEGE TOURS: Wednesdays 9:15am-10am
Saturday 6th March 9:30am-11:30am

To register for a tour, please go to www.heathmont.vic.edu.au

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Knox Schools Expo 2016

The Knox Schools Expo is an annual information night for parents/guardians of Years 5 & 6 children changing to secondary school in 2017/18, or for those with younger children who have primary school aged siblings. The evening allows attendees to have conversations with representatives from Knox Secondary Schools and Community Organisations, before formal proceedings start at 7pm. The Q&A and Panel session will provide the audience with an opportunity to explore considerations when selecting a secondary school, after which there will be another opportunity to visit stalls.

When: Thursday 17 March 2016
Where: Knox Civic Centre 511 Burwood Hwy Wantirna South 3152
Time: 5.45-8.45pm

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<td>7.00-7.45</td>
<td>Formal proceedings including Q&amp;A panel session which will discuss critical factors when selecting a school and strategies to assist students with transition</td>
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For more information about the Knox Schools Expo contact Knox City Council Youth Services or visit www.knox.vic.gov.au/KnoxSchoolsExpo

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GALLERY

Girls Only Footy is coming to UTJFC in 2016!
FREE GIRLS FOOTY CLINIC AT UPWEY TECOMA JFC

Suitable for girls ages 7+

6pm - 7pm Monday 22 Feb 2016

Talaskia Reserve, Upper Ferntree Gully

Followed by free sausage sizzle for participants & families

Register by email
GIRLSFOOTY@UTJFC.COM
Please include player name & age

For more information contact Deon Enterline 0408 700 429
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www.singnstrum.com